

ARIZONA CIVIL RIGHTS ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of Public Meeting

July 10, 2013

Board Members Present

Wendy Freeman (Vice-Chairperson)
Janet Bain
Juan Ciscomani
Beverly Dupree
Daisy Flores
Robert Garcia

Board Members Absent

Jeff Lavender (Chairperson)

Staff Members Present

Sandra Kane, Executive Director
Jennifer Larson, Legal Counsel
Brian Kolosick, Administrative Assistant
Shasta Inman, Law Clerk

I. Call to Order

Vice-Chairperson Wendy Freeman called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m., with the following Board Members present by telephone: Janet Bain, Juan Ciscomani, Beverly Dupree, Daisy Flores, and Robert Garcia.

II. Approval of Minutes of June 24, 2013

Upon motion by Beverly Dupree, which was seconded by Janet Bain, the Board unanimously approved the meeting minutes for June 24, 2013.

III. Follow-up Actions and Recommendations related to Public Forums re: Law Enforcement Post-SB 1070

- a. Discussion, Review, and Approval re: Survey to Law Enforcement Agencies related to SB 1070.

The Board discussed the survey questions drafted by Daisy Flores and Wendy Freeman as a subcommittee, with the assistance of staff members. After a brief deliberation over the order of the survey questions, the Board approved the survey questions without changes. The Board discussed revising the opening letter to encourage participation by the survey recipients. Wendy Freeman inquired whether the survey would be voluntary. Sandra Kane confirmed that it would be voluntary. Janet Bain suggested that survey participants should be allowed to answer whichever questions they are comfortable with, and suggested adding a sentence in the introduction paragraph to this effect. Beverly Dupree suggested that the introduction paragraph mention that the survey is short to encourage participation. Janet Bain suggested adding language encouraging participants to complete the questions as fully as possible because their opinions are important to the Board. The Board discussed whether the participants should have the option to submit a partially

completed survey. The Board decided that, in the interest of obtaining the greatest amount of participation possible, the survey should be anonymous, and the survey should allow for a partially completed response. Sandra Kane expressed her belief that responses would be more truthful and/or accurate if participants knew they were speaking on behalf of their organization, and that the participants will know that the survey is anonymous from the last question. The Board decided to leave the optional question regarding the identity of the survey participant as the last question, and to not emphasize that the survey is anonymous in the introduction. The Board discussed a timeline to send out the surveys and a deadline for receiving responses. Daisy Flores suggested giving the recipients 30 days to respond, and sending out a reminder one week before the deadline. The Board decided that the survey should be sent out early next week, and that the deadline for responses should be 30 days from the day the survey was sent out. The Board Members expressed their approval of the survey. Sandra Kane informed the Board that she and Jennifer Larson are in the process of obtaining email addresses for potential survey participants. Wendy Freeman suggested sending the survey to sheriffs and city police departments. Daisy Flores suggested including tribal agencies and university police departments.

b. Discussion re: Law Enforcement Representatives to Invite to Address Board

Sandra Kane reminded the Board that Juan Ciscomani had suggested inviting law enforcement officials to future Board meetings to open a dialogue with them. To date, there have not been any officials indicating that they would attend a Board meeting. The matter will be discussed at a later date.

c. Other Possible Follow-Up Actions and Recommendations.

The Board discussed and agreed that Sandra Kane would be the point of contact for the survey, and should sign the survey so that people could refer to her for questions and/or follow up on the survey. Sandra Kane can forward information to Chairperson Jeff Lavender if people request to speak with him.

IV. Planning for Next Meeting

The Board agreed to reconvene after the survey has been sent and received. The Board agreed that the next meeting will be held on September 24, 2013 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

V. Call to Public

None

VI. Announcement and Current Events

None

VII. Adjournment

Upon motion by Janet Bain, which was seconded by Robert Garcia, the Board unanimously moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:54 p.m.